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## ARRL Field Day 2016

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It is that time of the year again, get your Go Kits ready, your generators, portable antennas, and radios, it's time for the 2016 ARRL Field Day. Field Day is an event that tests the ability of clubs, groups, and individuals to set up and prepare for an emergency. The idea is to set up a temporary station and make as many contacts over the one day period as you, or your group can.

For many amateur radio operators Field Day is the height of the year and represents the activity they spent much of the year in preparation for. Field Day takes place on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, and the VHF / UHF bands. Any or all modes can be used, Field Day is a lot of fun, so come and join us.

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### ARCEC Repeater Frequencies

2 Meter Repeater	220 MHZ Repeater	440 MHZ Repeater
TX 146.475	TX 222.480	TX 440.900
RX 147.420	RX 224.080	RX 445.900
Offset .945	Offset 1.6	Offset 5.00
PL 107.2	PL 107.2	PL 107.2





# The 2016 ARCEC Field Day Guide

ARCEC will be holding Field Day at the same location we have for the last few years. Come and join us spend some time operating or just enjoying the company of your fellow amateur radio operators. We will be setting up on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> meet at our storage shed located at the radio towers (12241 Moreno ave lakeside ca, about 1/2 mile down on the right side of Moreno,, 6 big towers) at 11:00 AM Friday morning June 24<sup>th</sup>. We will load up, from there, and stop off someplace for lunch. We'll be at the Field day site for set up at 1:00 PM.

Field Day begins at 11:00 AM on Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>, and runs until 1:59 PM on Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be hot dogs and hamburgers on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Sunday teardown will begin shortly after 2:00 PM when the station will be taken apart and components transported back to the shed for storage.

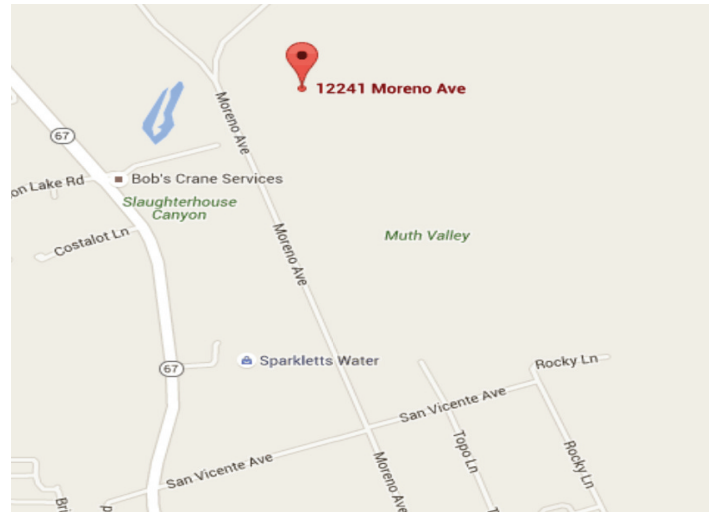
We hope to see you at the Administration Building for Santee Lakes in the parking lot.

9310 Fanita Pkwy Santee, CA 92071

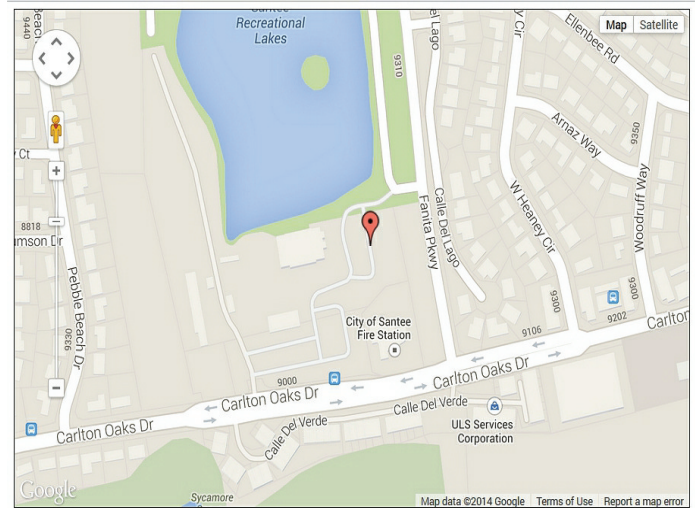
Talk in: WA6BGS Repeater.

All visitors are welcome! For more information Contact the ARCEC board of directors at [bodofc@wa6bgs.us](mailto:bodofc@wa6bgs.us) See our website for more information. <http://wa6bgs.us/index.html>

For more information about Field Day 2015 see: <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>



Club shed location



Club Field Day site map



2016 Field Day Goodness



## 2016 San Diego Hamfest

October 1st 2016

Old radio trade show, speakers, vendors

See [sdhamfest.org](http://sdhamfest.org) for more details

## Swap Meet Listings

The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon has a Swap Meet listing page on our website and here in Counterpoise, Have something you want to buy, sell, or trade list it with us. See <http://wa6bgs.us/swapmeetlegal.html> for more listings and posting guidelines. This is a free service to our members.

## This Month's Listing

Joe:W6VMX - I have a dual band Yaesu FT-7900R (2m & 440) mobile radio for sale. In great cosmetic and operating condition. It comes with original box, microphone, all mounting parts, power cable, and operator's manual. Also has the YSK 7800 separation kit and I am including the programming cable and software from RT Systems. Priced at \$200.00 FIRM. Contact Joe Bennett at: [w6vmx@rocketmail.com](mailto:w6vmx@rocketmail.com) to make purchase arrangements.



## A New Resource

Recently Mark KB6PJU and Terry K6TRY had some tree trimming done by one of the local tree trimming services. As often happens the question regarding all that wire and stuff in the air came up. It was explained they are amateur radio operators. Another question came up in their conversation, that being can their bucket truck be used for hanging wire antennas and the like? Well it turns out this company will for a reasonable cost lend the services of their bucket truck for the purpose of minor antenna work. Mark and Terry thought it would be good to pass this information along. And there you have it another very useful service made available to us amateur radio operators. There is a cost involved, however I am told it is reasonable.

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## Membership Badges & Pins

All members of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon who might wish to obtain a membership badge can contact Dell Awards and place an order with them. They are our current preferred source for these badges, and have our logo and design on file and ready to create a custom badge for members. Current price is \$7.50 per badge and they have indicated that there is normally a 3 business day turnaround time. These are quality badges made by a long established company, so place yours on order soon. They can be reached at the below address and phone number, and be sure to mention you saw this blurb in the Counterpoise newsletter too.

**Dell Awards**  
**7949 Broadway**  
**Lemon Grove, CA 91945**  
**(619) 469-2100**  
**Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am-5:30pm**  
**Sat 10am-1pm**  
**Sun - Closed**

## Club Pins Now Available:

They have arrived! A limited number of club pins are now here and can be obtained from our Treasurer at most club functions. These are 1" diameter pins with a rubber clutch pin on rear. You can now show the world your support of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon, and for the small cost of \$3.00 each too. Get them while they are available.



## The San Diego Morse Code Practice Group

Mark KB6PJU has been conducting a code practice group on the WA6BGS VHF repeater. The code practice Group meets at 7:00 PM Pacific time on Tuesdays, and Fridays. If you want to learn Mores Code, hone your skills, and improve your speed the San Diego Morse Code Practice Group is for you.

You can discuss the San Diego Morse Code Practice Group here;

<http://www.arrl.org/forum/topics/view/1536>

And here;

<https://forums.qrz.com/index.php?threads/new-2-meter-repeater-cw-teaching-method-developed.492738/>

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## Our Tower Trailer Needs A New Home

The current storage location for the club's antenna tower will not be available very soon. The club is looking for a volunteer willing to store the tower trailer. The new location must be secure, and 24 hour access is highly desired. If anyone wants to volunteer to store the trailer, or, has any suggestions on where to store the antenna trailer, please contact any officer or board member.

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**WA6BGS**

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Please fill out this form and then see options at bottom for submitting to the club

Date of application: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash    Check    Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type:    Individual (\$20/year)    Family\* (\$35/year)

Membership Status:    New    Renewal    Returning Member

Call Sign    First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

If a previous member, what was your WAMO number?

ARRL Member:    Yes    No

License Class:    Technician    General    Extra    Other

Email Address (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Use another sheet of paper to add Family members and please include the following information:*

First Name, Last Name, Call Sign (if any), License Class, Wamo Number (if any), & Email Address.

**Submitting this form:**

To submit this form, you can mail it to:

**Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon  
P.O. Box 50  
El Cajon, CA 92022**

-OR-

Bring it to the next club meeting on the second Thursday of each month. You can find the date and location by getting online at [www.wa6bgs.us](http://www.wa6bgs.us) which is the club website. Check it out for the most current information regarding the club.

Cash Payments - Get a receipt from the Club Treasurer. Please make all checks payable to AMATEUR RADIO CLUB of EL CAJON, Incorporated. Receipts for payments by check will be sent by email or regular mail by the Club Treasurer.

Members with an FCC Call Sign are full members with voting privileges. Members without an FCC Call Sign are Associate members without voting privileges.

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